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# 2015 NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE OF THE STATE POLL

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**President Obama’s job approval rating (34 percent) in New Hampshire remains constant from 2014, while his favorability rating rises to 35 percent from 28 percent in 2014.**

**New Hampshire Senate trial heats show a potentially competitive race between incumbent Senator Kelly Ayotte (R) and current Governor Maggie Hassan; Ayotte has a significant lead over former Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter.**

**2016 presidential trial heats show stiff competition between Hillary Clinton (D) and various Republican candidates.**

**New Hampshire voters largely hold both parties responsible for gridlock in Congress.**

HANOVER, NH—The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center’s eighth annual NH State of the State Poll surveyed a sample of New Hampshire registered voters (N=355) from April 27-30, 2015 to assess their opinions on policy issues, elected officials, and the state of the economy in New Hampshire and in the United States. The sample error rate is +/- 5.2 percent at a 95 percent confidence interval. Sample demographics and polling methodology are summarized at the end of this report.

### **1. 2016 ELECTIONS**

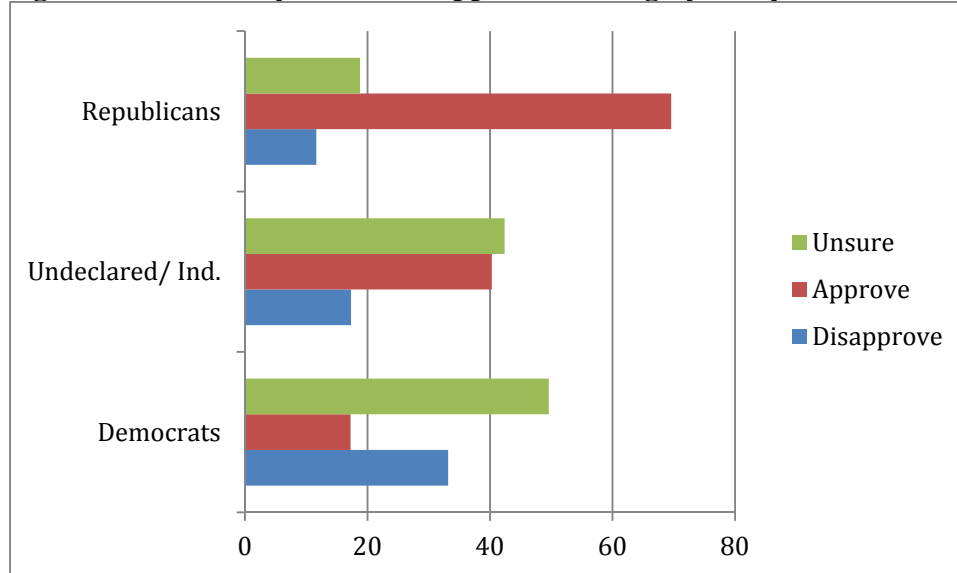
New Hampshire voters were asked their opinions on Senator Kelly Ayotte, Governor Maggie Hassan, and President Barack Obama, as well as their opinions on candidates for some of these offices in 2016.

#### *1.1 2016 New Hampshire Senate Race*

##### *1.1.1 Ayotte Approval and Favorability*



**Figure 1: Senator Ayotte's Job Approval Rating by Party Identification**



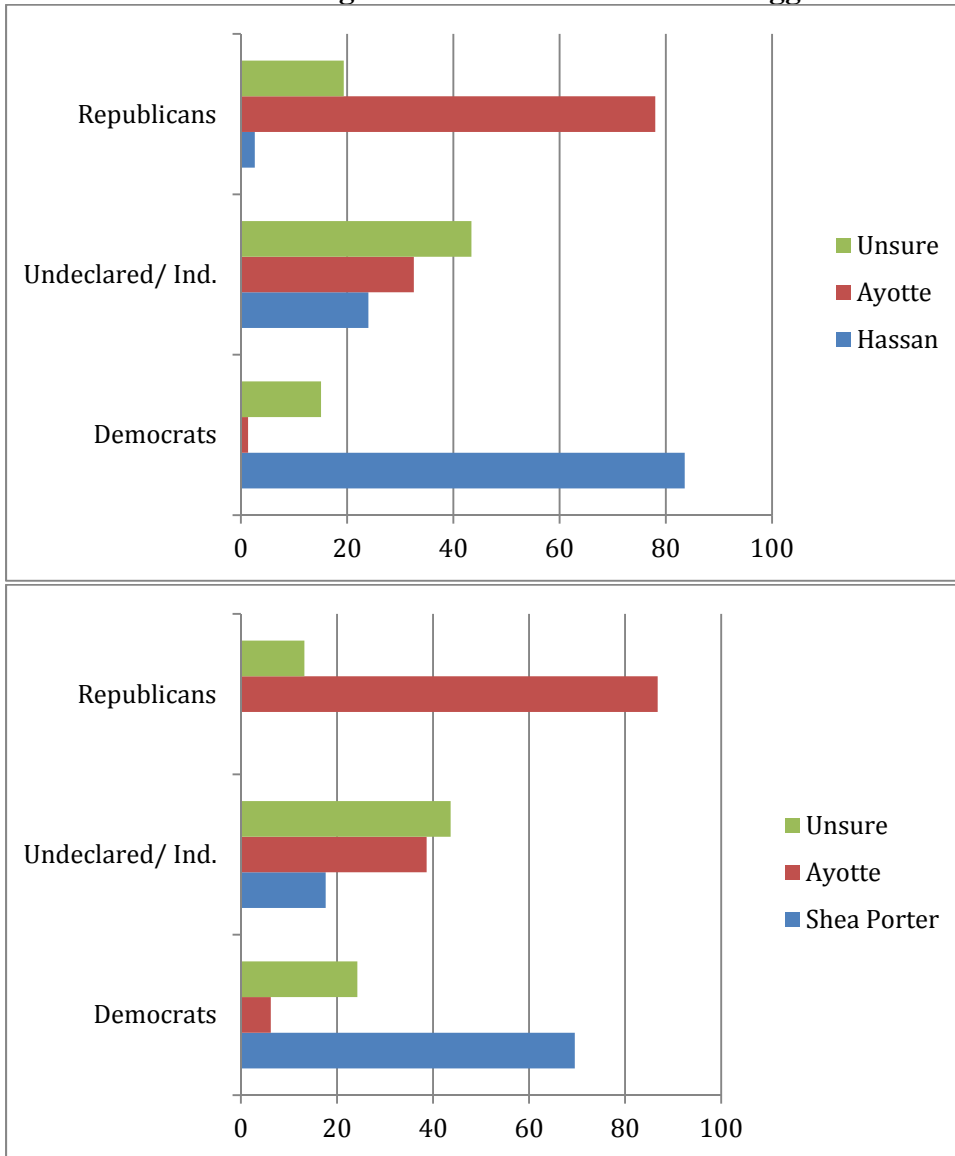
More respondents have a favorable opinion of Senator Kelly Ayotte than have an unfavorable opinion with 41.5 percent of respondents reporting a favorable opinion of Senator Ayotte and 23.2 percent an unfavorable opinion. Favorability ratings are consistent with last year's poll where respondents reported a 38.0 percent favorable opinion of Senator Ayotte and a 20.6 percent unfavorable opinion.

Additionally, more voters reported that they approved of Senator Ayotte's job performance than those that disapproved. Well beyond the margin of error, 43.2 percent of respondents approved of Ayotte's job performance, while 19.6 percent disapproved.

### *1.1.2 Senate Election Match-Ups*



**Figure 2: Senator Ayotte versus Potential Senate Challengers Carol Shea-Porter and Maggie Hassan**



Respondents were provided with a series of match-ups for the 2016 New Hampshire Senate election. Respondents were asked to choose between the incumbent U.S. Senator as the Republican nominee and two other potential Democratic nominees, including New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan and former U.S. Representative Carol Shea-Porter. The results of each of the trial heats have Senator Ayotte ahead in both races.

In a race against Governor Maggie Hassan, 38.1 percent would vote for Senator Ayotte, 32.5 percent for Maggie Hassan, and 29.4 percent are unsure.

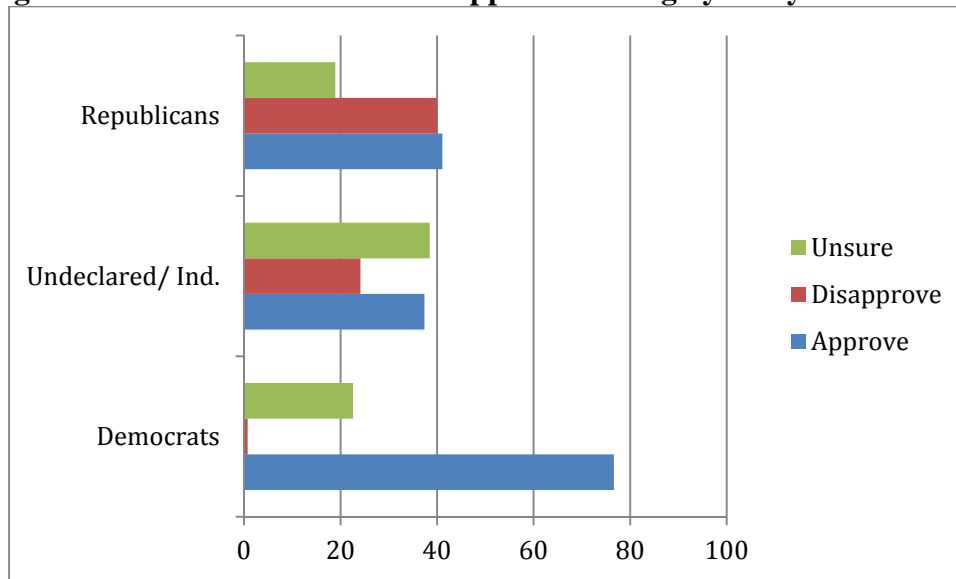


In a race against former U.S. Representative Carol Shea-Porter, 44.8 percent would vote for Senator Ayotte, 25.2 percent for Carol Shea-Porter, and 30.0 percent are unsure.

## 1.2 2016 New Hampshire Gubernatorial Race

### 1.2.1 Hassan Favorability and Approval

**Figure 3: Governor Hassan's Job Approval Rating by Party Identification**



More than 40 percent of respondents report having a favorable opinion of Governor Hassan (41.6 percent), up from 28.0 percent in 2014. Additionally, 20.1 percent reported having an unfavorable opinion, and 24.9 percent a neutral opinion. Just over 13 percent of respondents were unsure of their opinion of Governor Hassan (13.5 percent).

Respondents have definitive opinions of Governor Hassan's job performance. Consistent with 2014 poll results, 48.2 percent of respondents approve of the job Maggie Hassan is doing as governor while only 23.0 percent disapprove and 28.8 percent are unsure.

### 1.2.2 Gubernatorial Election Match-Ups

Respondents were asked about potential 2016 gubernatorial election match-ups between Governor Maggie Hassan as the Democratic nominee and two other potential Republican nominees: Executive Councilor Christopher Sununu and Nashua Mayor Donnalee Lozeau. In both match-ups, Governor Hassan enjoys a significant lead.



When asked to choose between Governor Hassan and Executive Councilor Sununu, 44.0 percent of respondents stated they would vote for Hassan, 25.8 percent for Sununu, and 30.2 percent were unsure.

When asked to choose between Governor Hassan and Mayor Lozeau, 42.7 percent reported they would vote for Hassan, 13.1 percent for Lozeau, and 44.2 percent were unsure. In the match-up between Hassan and Lozeau, there were an uncharacteristically high percentage of “unsure” responses – over 40 percent.

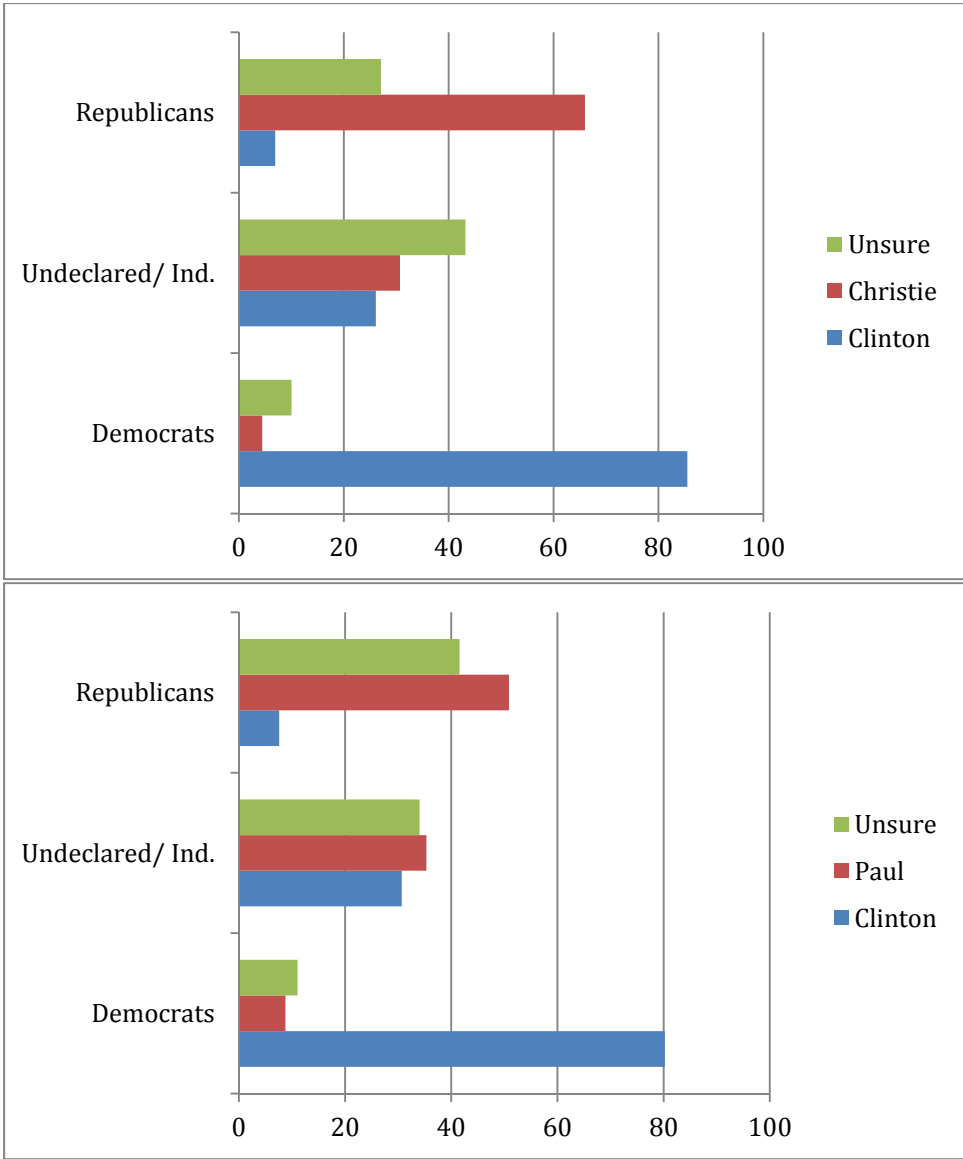
### *1.3 2016 Presidential Election*

To gauge the current political landscape in New Hampshire regarding the 2016 presidential election, respondents were asked whom they would support in matchups between potential Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and the following Republican nominees: Chris Christie, Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Scott Walker, Rand Paul, Mike Huckabee, and Ted Cruz. The results are presented in the figure below.

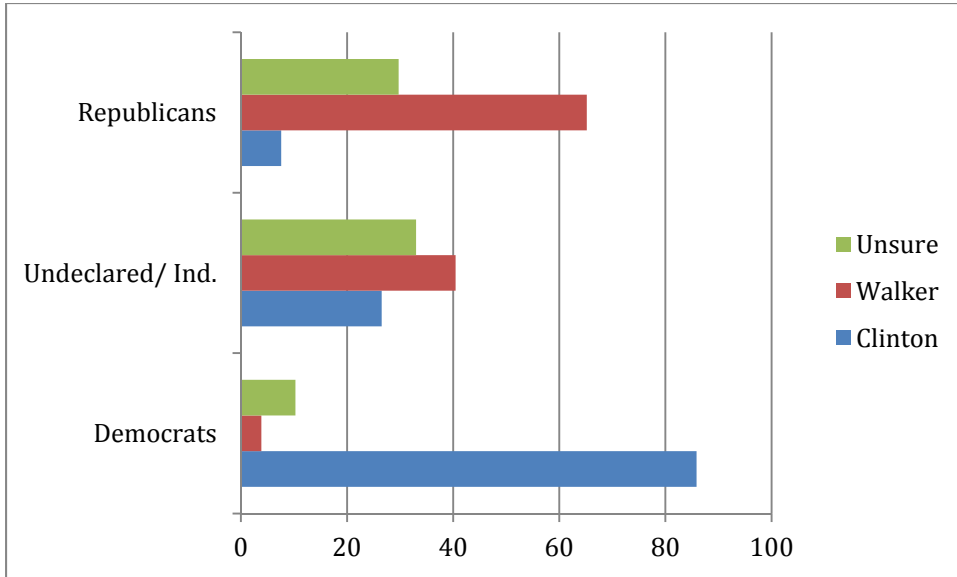
Several match-ups were presented in 2014 poll. The Clinton-Christie match-up first appeared in 2014. At that time, Clinton received 37.1 percent support while Christie received 32.3 percent. In 2015, the match-up results were virtually unchanged with 36.5 percent support for Clinton and 34.4 percent support for Christie (30.3 percent unsure). Also in the 2014 poll, the Clinton-Bush match-up showed 42.2 percent support for Clinton and 32.3 percent support for Bush. The results of this trial match-up changed significantly in 2015; Bush received 36.9 percent support while Clinton received 34.1 percent support (29.0 percent unsure). The Clinton-Paul match-up showed 35.9 percent support for Clinton and 38.5 percent support for Paul in 2014. This year, Clinton leads Paul by a margin of 36.1 percent to 33.3 percent (30.1 percent unsure). Finally, in the Clinton-Huckabee match-up, Clinton received 39.3 percent support while Huckabee received 36.3 percent support in the 2014 poll. This year, Huckabee trails Clinton by a 38.1 percent to 31.1 percent margin, with 30.8 percent unsure.

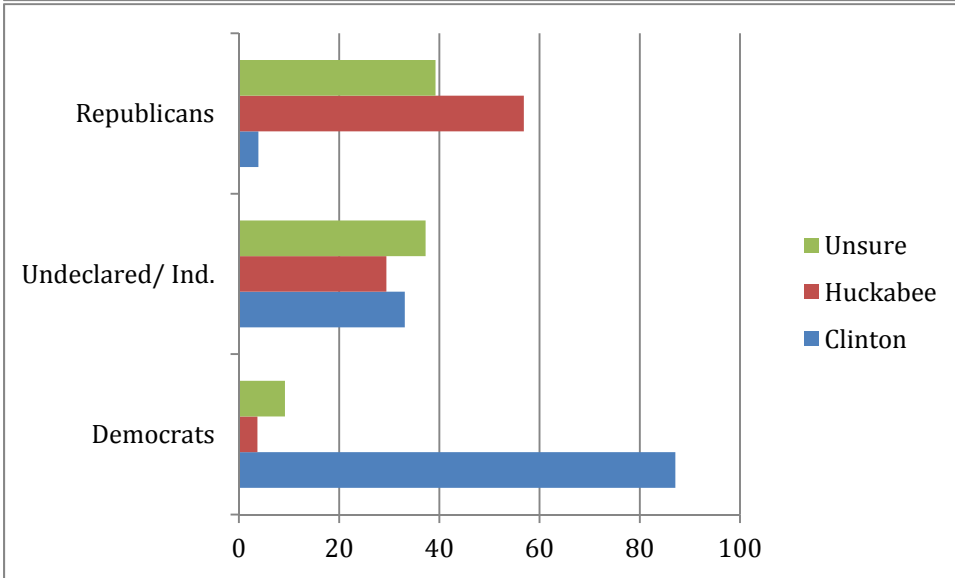
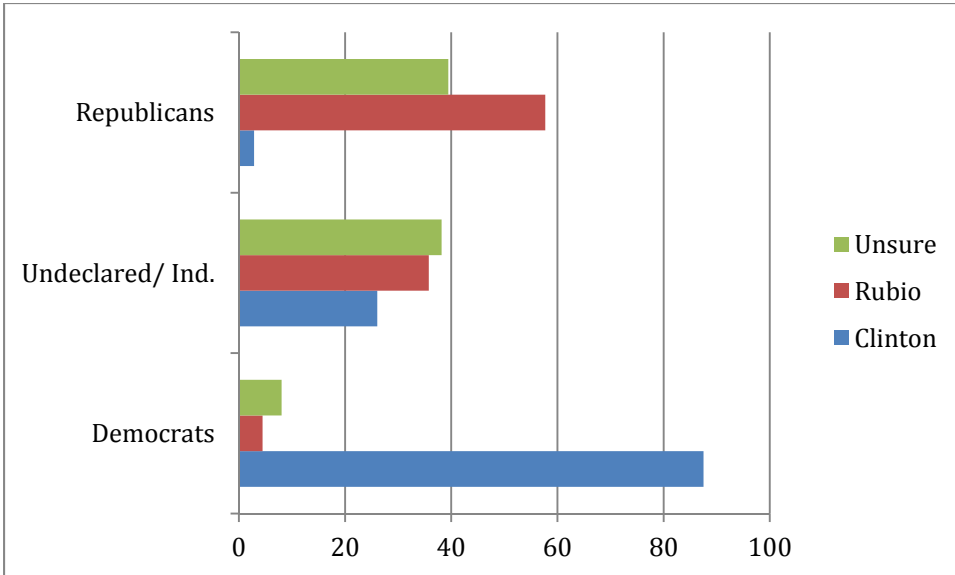
In addition to the four match-ups presented to voters in 2014 and 2015, three additional Republican candidates were paired with Clinton—Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, and Scott Walker. In the trial heat between Clinton and Cruz, Clinton leads by more than ten points—39.6 percent to 28.7 percent, with 31.7 percent unsure. The Rubio-Clinton trial heat resulted in a virtual tie—34.4 percent for Rubio and 34.5 percent for Clinton, with 31.1 percent unsure. Finally, Walker leads Clinton by a four-point margin, 38.7 percent to 34.8 percent, with 26.5 percent unsure. Apart from the Cruz-Clinton results, all other trial heats fall within the margin of error for the sample.

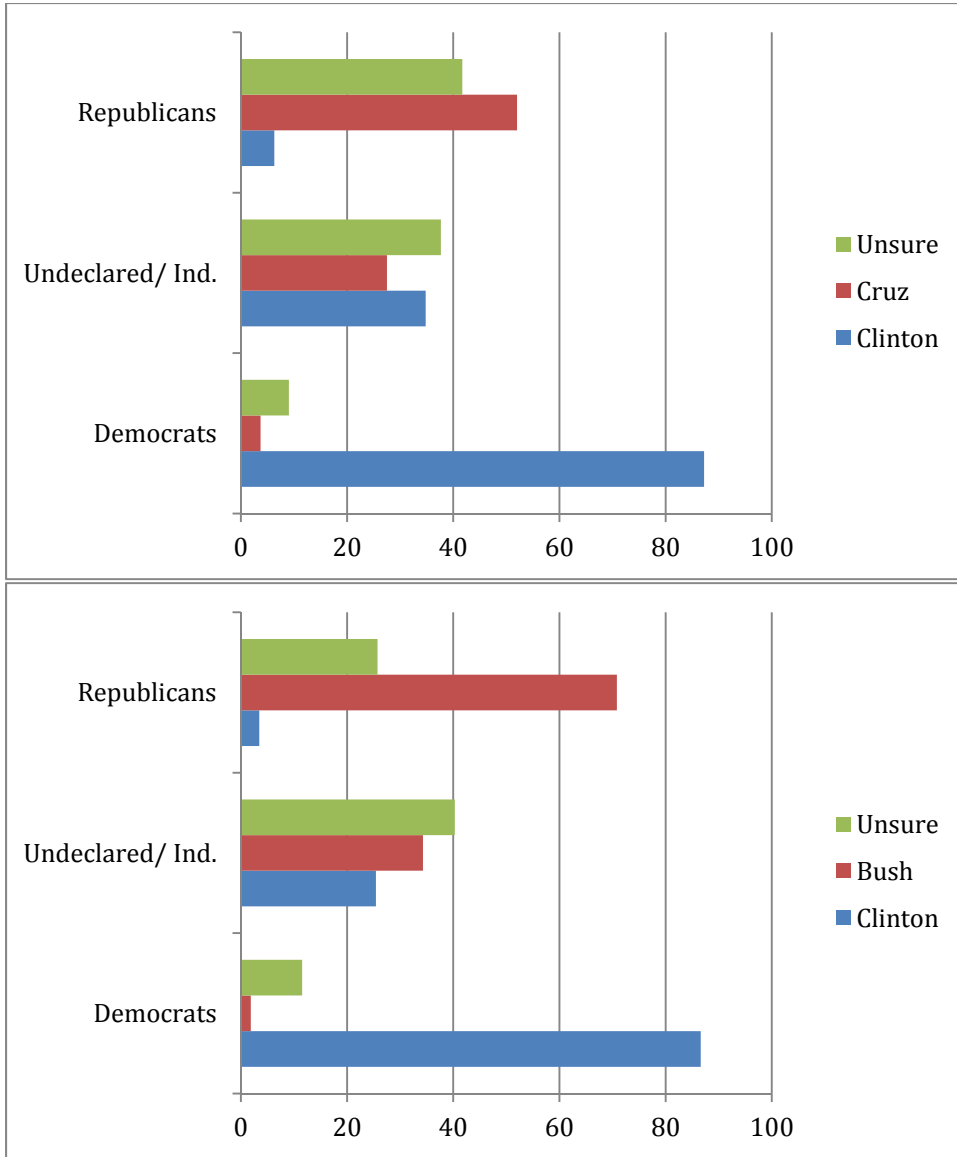
### **Figure 4: Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton Versus Various Republican Presidential Candidates**





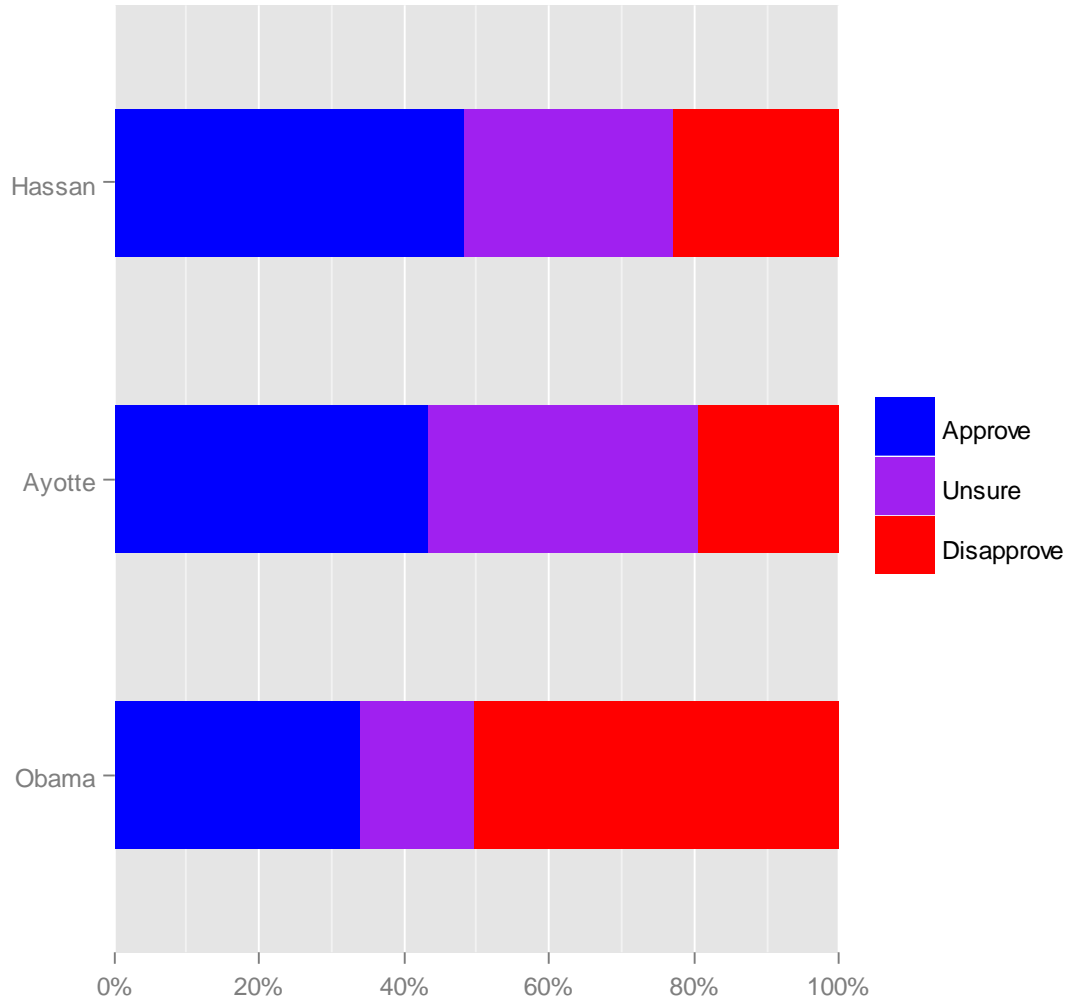






1.4 Incumbent Approval Ratings

**Figure 5: Approval Ratings for Governor Hassan, Senator Ayotte, and President Obama**



Nearly half of the respondents approve of the job their governor is doing (48.2 percent), while 28.9 percent are unsure and 22.7 percent disapprove. Among Democrats, 76.6 percent approve of Hassan’s performance, while only 41.1 percent of Republicans and 37.4 percent of independents do so. More than 40 percent of respondents approve of Senator Ayotte’s performance (43.2 percent), with 37.2 percent unsure and 19.5 percent disapprove. Only 17.2 percent of Democrats approve of Ayotte’s performance, while 69.6 percent of Republicans and 40.3 percent of independents approve. A majority of New Hampshire voters disapprove of President Obama’s performance, with 50.4 percent expressing disapproval, 34.1 percent expressing approval, and 15.5 percent unsure. President Obama enjoys support among Democrats with 64.9 percent approving. Only 13.4 percent of Republicans and 30.2 percent of independents approve of the President’s performance.

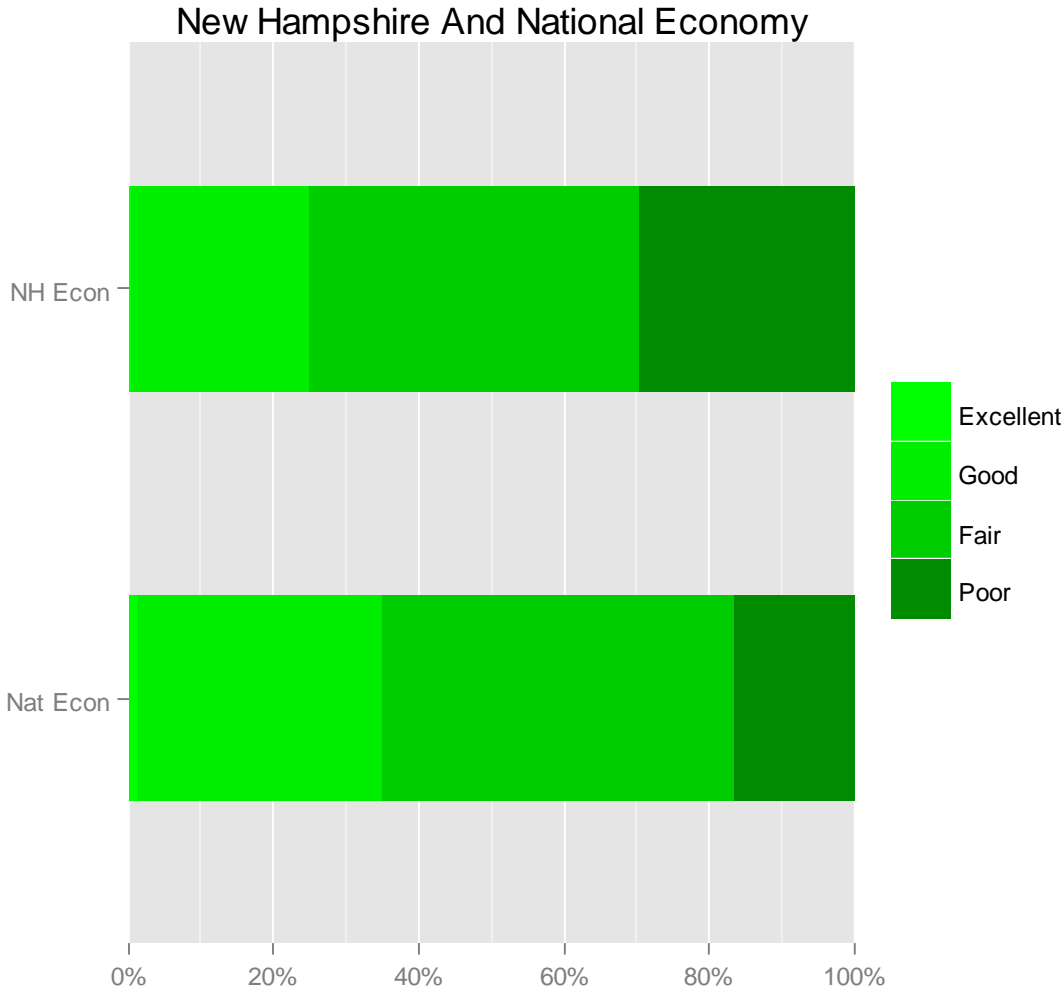


Furthermore, 56.7 percent of voters hold both parties equally responsible for gridlock in Congress. Roughly one-quarter of respondents (24.8 percent) exclusively blame the Republican Party, while only 9.8 percent of respondents blame the Democratic Party; 8.8 percent were unsure.



## 2. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Figure 6: New Hampshire's Views on the State and National Economy



Respondents' evaluations of the New Hampshire economy have declined since 2014. Only 25.2 percent of respondents reported the state's economy as either "excellent" or "good", compared to one third of respondents in 2014; conversely, 45.6 percent of respondents described the state economy as "fair" and 29.5 percent stated it is "poor". In last year's poll, 54 percent described the New Hampshire economy as fair, and only 12 percent reported it was poor.

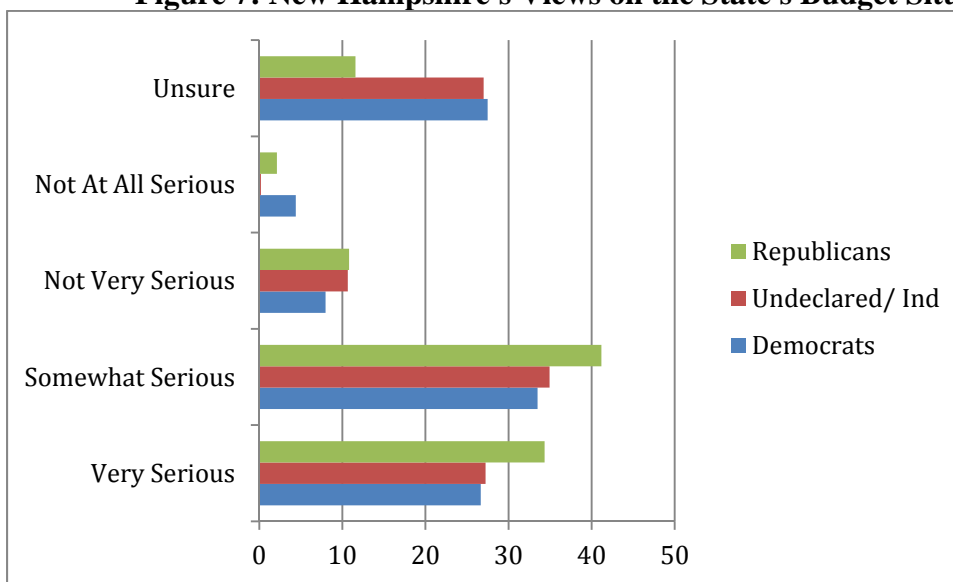
Respondents' assessments of the U.S. economy have improved since last year with 35.1 percent of respondents describing the national economy as "excellent" or "good" while 48.4 percent reported the economy was "fair" and 16.5 percent indicated it as "poor." In 2014, no respondents described the national economy as "excellent" and only 16 percent indicated it was "good."



## 2.1 New Hampshire Budget

New Hampshire voters have become more concerned about the state's budgetary situation. Increased from last year's poll results, 29.2 percent of respondents view the budgetary situation as "very serious" compared to 15 percent in 2014. Additionally, 36.4 percent described the state of New Hampshire's budgetary situation as "somewhat serious." Combined, 65.6 percent of respondents listed the state's budgetary situation as either "very" or "somewhat" serious.

**Figure 7: New Hampshire's Views on the State's Budget Situation**



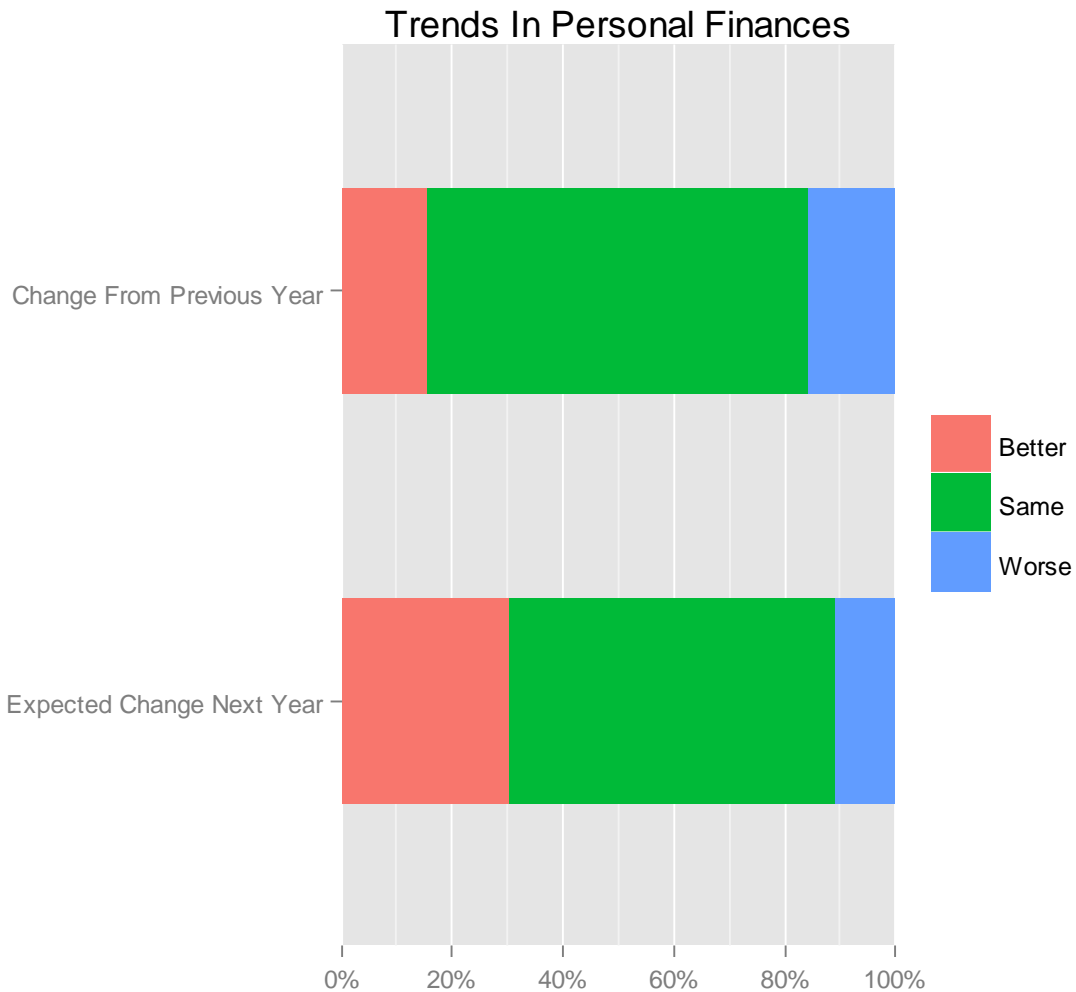
## 2.2 Personal Finances

When respondents were asked to compare their current personal economic situation to one year ago, 15.6 percent believe they are "better off," down from 23 percent in 2014, while 68.9 percent say they are "about the same," up from 57 percent last year. In this poll, 15.6 percent reported they are "worse off" economically, down from 20 percent in 2014, 24 percent in 2013, 29 percent in 2012, 34 percent in 2011, and 38 percent in 2010.

When respondents were asked whether their financial situation will be better, worse, or about the same one year from now, the majority of respondents 58.8 percent believed it would be "about the same" and 30.3 percent believed that it would be "both". Both figures are consistent with previous years.



**Figure 8: Changes and Expectations in Personal Finances**

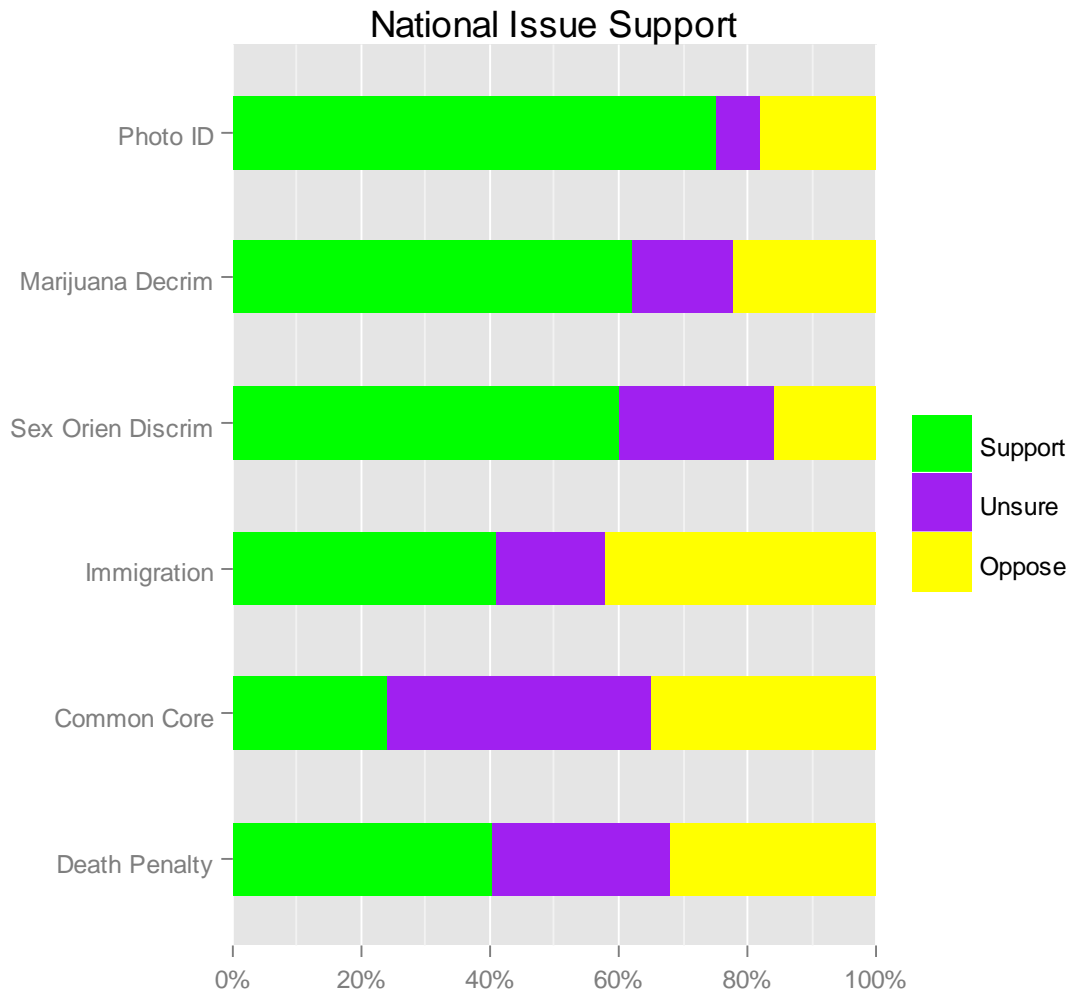


#### **4. NATIONAL POLICY PRIORITIES AND ISSUES**

Views on various issues of national relevance were asked of New Hampshire voters including photo identification at the polls, the decriminalization of marijuana, a potential state constitutional amendment to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation, the death penalty, the Common Core curriculum, and the Affordable Care act.



**Figure 9: Support for Policies of National Relevance**



#### 4.1.1 Photo Identification

Over three-quarters of all respondents support requiring the presentation of photo identification in order to vote in New Hampshire elections. The majority of respondents support the measure at 75.3 percent, while 17.8 percent oppose it and 6.9 percent report being unsure as to whether they support or oppose the policy. In 2014, the majority of voters registered as Democrats supported the measure, but this year only 43.7 percent of registered Democrats responded in support. Additionally, 87.8 percent of Republicans support required photo identification compared to 92.0 percent last year.

#### 4.1.2 Decriminalization of Marijuana

Respondents were also asked whether they support or oppose a bill passed in Concord that decriminalized possession of up to one quarter of an ounce of marijuana. Support for



the measure was at 62.0 percent while opposition was at 22.2 percent. A majority of Democrats supported the measure at 66.1 percent while a majority of Republicans opposed the measure or were unsure with only 43.8 percent in support. Independents supported the measure at 71.2 percent.

#### *4.1.3 Sexual Orientation Discrimination*

When respondents were asked if they supported or opposed a state constitutional amendment to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, 59.6 percent supported the constitutional amendment, down from 61.7 percent in 2014. The majority of Democrats and independents support a state constitutional amendment to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation (86.5 percent and 59.3 percent, respectively); whereas 37.2 percent of Republican respondents support the amendment.

#### *4.1.4 Death Penalty*

The poll asked respondents if they support or oppose the death penalty, or whether they are unsure. Just over half of respondents, at 40.1 percent, support the death penalty while 32.0 percent are opposed. This is a change from 52 percent in support a year ago with 29 percent in opposition. Fifteen percent of Democrats support it while 54 percent oppose the death penalty. By contrast, 52.7 percent of Republicans support the death penalty while only 24.6 percent oppose it. Independents are in the middle with 45.2 percent in support with 24.6 percent in opposition.

#### *4.1.5 Common Core*

To gauge support for Common Core, a standardized national curriculum for public schools, respondents were asked if they supported, opposed, or were unsure about the effort. Only 24.8 percent of respondents support the Common Core with 34.7 percent opposed. The largest plurality of respondents, 41.5 percent, stated that they were unsure about Common Core.

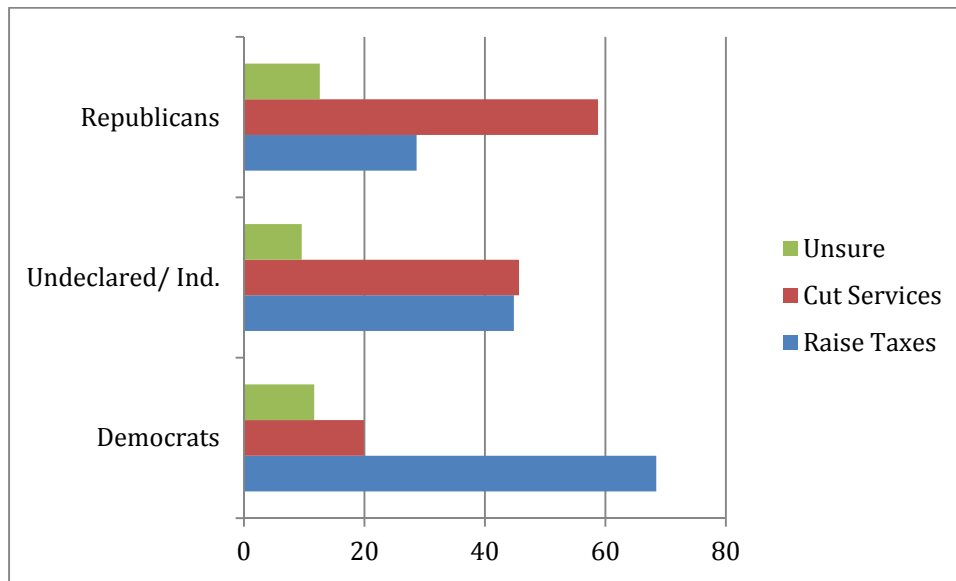
## **5. STATE POLICY PRIORITIES AND ISSUES**

Views on issues primarily localized to New Hampshire were asked of respondents including how New Hampshire should raise revenue and whether it should approve casino gambling and the Northern Pass project.

### *5.1 State Funding and Taxes*

#### *5.1.1 Services and Taxes*

**Figure 10: New Hampshire's Views on Increased Taxes versus Decreased Spending**

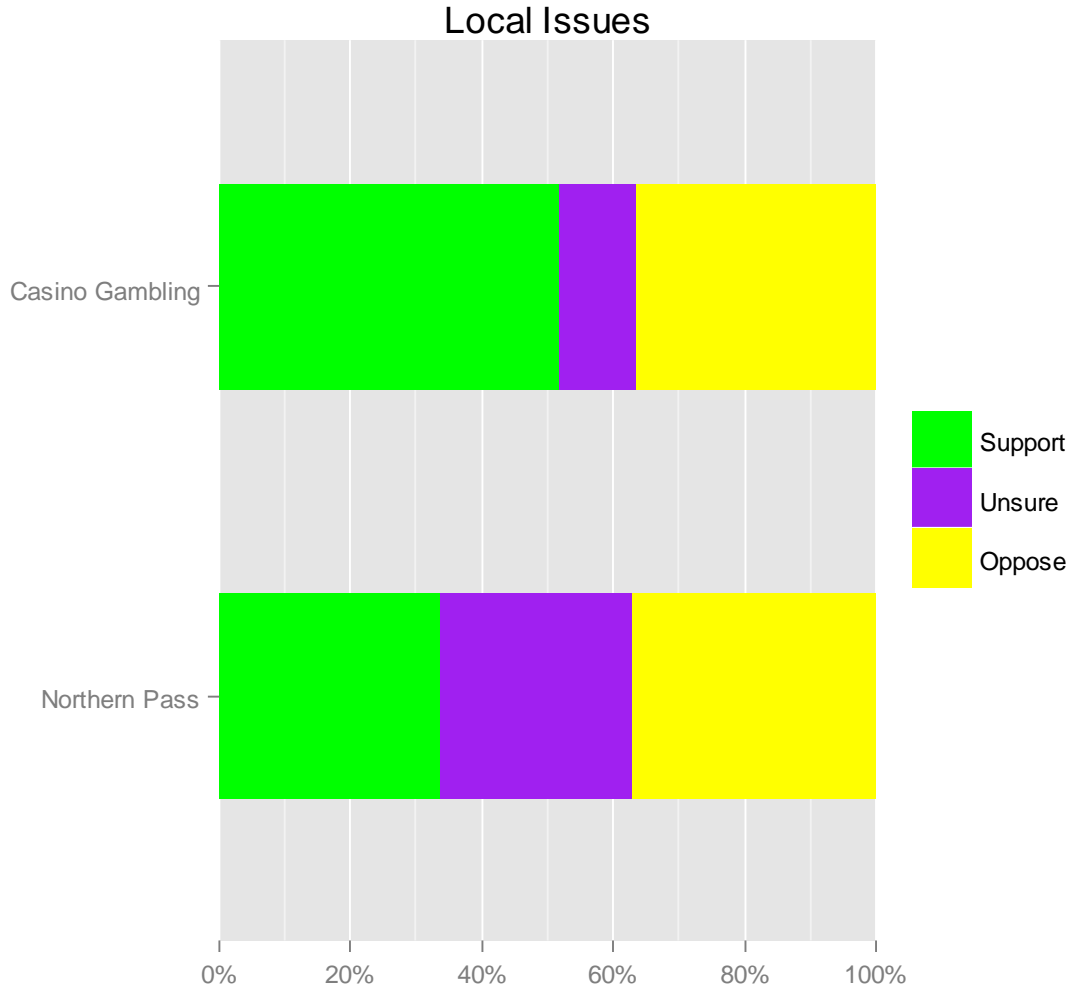


Respondents were asked how they would choose between increasing taxes and maintaining the level of services or maintaining taxes and cutting the level of services. Just under half (45.9 percent) of respondents supported increasing taxes while maintaining services while 43.1 percent of respondent supported the opposing option. 11.0 percent of respondents were unsure. Among Democrats, 68.4 percent of respondents supported increasing taxes to maintain services while only 28.6 percent of Republicans selected that option. Independents were evenly split between the options with 44.8 percent in favor and 45.6 percent opposed.

### 5.1.2 State and Local Taxes

Respondents were asked if they believed New Hampshire should be funded at the state level through taxes and fees, at the local level through property taxes, or through both measures. 53.0 percent of voters preferred funding at the state level with only 22.0 percent favoring funding exclusively through property taxes. 12.9 percent of voters favored a combination of both approaches while 12.2 percent of voters were unsure.

**Figure 11: Views on Casino Gambling in New Hampshire and the Northern Pass Project**



### 5.2.1 Casino Gambling

When respondents were asked if they supported or opposed the expansion of gambling in New Hampshire to include casino gambling, 51.9 percent supported expansion, 36.4 percent opposed, and 11.6 percent were unsure. These responses showed an increase in support compared to results from 2014, where 46.6 percent supported, 39.6 percent opposed, and 13.8 percent were unsure.

### 5.2.2 Northern Pass Project

New Hampshire registered voters are still divided over whether the Northern Pass Project should be built between Canada and New Hampshire. However, support for the project decreased from 40 percent in 2014 to 33.4 percent this year. Opposition remained



relatively stable, increasing from 34 percent in 2014 to 37.2 percent in 2015. Respondents who are unsure rose from 26 percent to 29.5 percent.

## **6. SAMPLE DEMOGRAPHICS**

The sample demographics are representative of registered voters in New Hampshire. There were slightly more men than women in the sample, 52 percent to 48 percent. The partisan distribution of respondents also reflects the current registered voter population in the state—26 percent Democrats, 29 percent Republicans, and 45 undeclared/independent registrants. There were slightly more respondents from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District than from the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District by a 56 percent to 44 percent margin. More than two-thirds of the respondents were married (70.0 percent) and about half of the respondents considered themselves to be moderates (49.9 percent), with 26.4 percent identifying as liberal and 23.7 percent identifying as conservative. The sample respondents were older than the state voting age population; therefore the data were weighted to reflect state age demographics (see Section 7.1 below).

## **7. METHODOLOGY**

During the week of April 27-30, 2015, students from The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College conducted a telephone survey of a sample of registered voters in New Hampshire. Drawn randomly from a statewide database of New Hampshire registered voters, including registered voters with only cell phones, the respondents were asked a range of questions relating to the political, economic, and social state of affairs in New Hampshire and the country. Additionally, respondents were asked to select candidates for president in trial heats of the 2016 election and for Senate in trial heats of the 2016 election. The 47-question survey took approximately ten minutes to complete. Calls were made between the hours of 6:30 pm and 9:00 pm on Monday through Thursday evenings. Additional call-backs were made during daytime hours on Thursday, April 30 when specified by respondents. Over the course of the week, callers made three attempts to contact each of the registered voters drawn in the sample. A total of 355 survey interviews were completed during the four-day calling period, yielding an error rate of +/-5.2 percent at a 95 percent confidence interval.

### *7.1 Sample Weighting*

The poll sample includes a larger share of older individuals than New Hampshire's registered voter population according to Census data. The poll sample is weighted to reflect the age distribution of New Hampshire registered voters in the Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration Supplement, November 2012. The categories used to construct the weight are for ages 18 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 75, and 76 and older. The poll sample is older on average than the CPS New Hampshire registered voter population. CPS estimates of the New Hampshire registered voter population are 28.2 percent (ages 18 to 39), 17.2 percent (ages 40 to 49), 25.6 percent (50 to 59), 17.0



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percent (ages 60 to 69), 4.2 percent (ages 70 to 75), and 7.8 percent (76 and older). The poll sample is weighted to reflect these differences in age group distribution.



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Hello, is \_\_\_\_\_ available?

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a student at Dartmouth College calling from the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy. We are conducting a statewide poll regarding state and federal issues. This survey is confidential and will take only a few minutes to complete.

**First, we would like to ask you about your views on the state of the economy.**

1. In general, how would you assess the current state of the economy in New Hampshire? Would you say it is excellent, good, fair, or poor?

1 ( ) Excellent 2 ( ) Good 3 ( ) Fair 4 ( ) Poor 5 ( ) Unsure

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2. Regarding your own financial situation, compared to one year ago, do you believe that your financial situation is better, worse, or about the same?

1 ( ) Better 2 ( ) Worse 3 ( ) About the Same PERSECON

3. Looking ahead a year from now, do you think that your own financial situation will be better, worse, or about the same as it is now?

1 ( ) Better 2 ( ) Worse 3 ( ) About the same 4 ( ) Unsure FUTFIN

4. How would you rate the current state of the national economy? Excellent, good, fair, or poor?

1 ( ) Excellent 2 ( ) Good 3 ( ) Fair 4 ( ) Poor 5 ( ) Unsure USECON

**Next, we would like to discuss New Hampshire government and politics.**

5. In general, how serious do you think New Hampshire's state budgetary situation is? Very serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not at all serious? Or are you unsure?

1 ( ) Very serious 2 ( ) Somewhat serious 3 ( ) Not very serious

4 ( ) Not at all serious 5 ( ) Unsure BUDGET







**Next, we'd like to ask you questions about federal policies in Washington, DC.**

14. Do you support or oppose the Common Core, a standardized national curriculum for public schools, or are you unsure?

1 ( ) Support 2 ( ) Oppose 3 ( ) Unsure COMCORE

15. The Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, was signed into law in 2010. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the act? Or are you unsure?

1 ( ) Approve 2 ( ) Disapprove 3 ( ) Unsure HEALTH1

16. In terms of your own personal health care situation, has the Affordable Care Act had a positive, neutral, or negative impact on you?

1 ( ) Positive 2 ( ) Neutral 3 ( ) Negative 4 ( ) Unsure HEALTH2

17. Do you support or oppose a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who currently reside in the United States? Or, are you unsure?

1 ( ) Support 2 ( ) Oppose 3 ( ) Unsure IMMIG

18. In general, do you think laws regarding the sale of guns should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

1 ( ) More strict 2 ( ) Less strict 3 ( ) As they are now 4 ( ) Unsure GUNLAWS

19. Do you support or oppose the death penalty? Or, are you unsure?

1 ( ) Support 2 ( ) Oppose 3 ( ) Unsure DEATHPEN

**Now, we would like to ask you about your opinions on state politics and elected officials.**

20. First, do you have a generally favorable, neutral, or unfavorable opinion of GOVERNOR MAGGIE HASSAN? Or are you unsure?

1 ( ) Favorable 2 ( ) Neutral 3 ( ) Unfavorable 4 ( ) Unsure HASSAN

21. Next, do you have a generally favorable, neutral, or unfavorable opinion of SENATOR JEANNE SHAHEEN? Or are you unsure?

1 ( ) Favorable 2 ( ) Neutral 3 ( ) Unfavorable 4 ( ) Unsure SHAHEEN



22. And, do you have a generally favorable, neutral, or unfavorable opinion of Senator KELLY AYOTTE? Or are you unsure?

1 ( ) Favorable 2 ( ) Neutral 3 ( ) Unfavorable 4 ( ) Unsure AYOTTE

23. Finally, do you have a generally favorable, neutral, or unfavorable opinion of President BARACK OBAMA? Or are you unsure?

1 ( ) Favorable 2 ( ) Neutral 3 ( ) Unfavorable 4 ( ) Unsure OBAMA

24. Now, regarding the job performance of SENATOR KELLY AYOTTE, do you approve or disapprove of the way she is handling her job as Senator, or are you unsure?

1 ( ) Approve 2 ( ) Disapprove 3 ( ) Unsure AYOTTEJOB

25. And the job performance of GOVERNOR MAGGIE HASSAN, do you approve or disapprove of the way she is handling her job as Governor, or are you unsure?

1 ( ) Approve 2 ( ) Disapprove 3 ( ) Unsure HASSANJOB

26. For PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, do you approve or disapprove of the way he is handling his job as President, or are you unsure?

1 ( ) Approve 2 ( ) Disapprove 3 ( ) Unsure OBAMAJOB

27. Looking at the big picture in Washington, who do you think is primarily responsible for gridlock in Congress: Republicans, Democrats, both equally, or are you unsure?

1 ( ) Republicans 2 ( ) Democrats 3 ( ) Both Equally 4 ( ) Unsure GRIDLOCK

**Now, I would like to shift gears and ask you to think about upcoming elections. In 2016 there will be an election for United States Senator in New Hampshire.**

28. If the Senate election were held today, would you support Kelly Ayotte, the current U.S. Senator, as the Republican nominee, or Maggie Hassan, the current governor, as the Democratic nominee? Or, are you unsure?

1 ( ) Ayotte 2 ( ) Hassan 3 ( ) Unsure AYHASS

29. Again, if the Senate election were held today, would you support Kelly Ayotte, the current U.S. Senator, as the Republican nominee, or Carol Shea-Porter, the former U.S. Representative as the Democratic nominee? Or, are you unsure?

1 ( ) Ayotte 2 ( ) Shea-Porter 3 ( ) Unsure AYSHEA

30. Apart from any of the senatorial candidates just mentioned, is there someone else for whom you would vote for senator in 2016? \_\_\_\_\_ OTHERSEN



**In 2016 we will also have an election for Governor of New Hampshire.**

31. If the election for governor were held today, would you support the current governor, Maggie Hassan, as the Democratic nominee, or Executive Councilor Christopher Sununu as the Republican nominee? Or, are you unsure?

1 ( ) Maggie Hassan 2 ( ) Christopher Sununu 3 ( ) Unsure HASSSUN

32. If the election for governor were held today, would you support the current governor, Maggie Hassan, as the Democratic nominee, or Nashua mayor Donnalee Lozeau as the Republican nominee? Or, are you unsure?

1 ( ) Maggie Hassan 2 ( ) Donnalee Lozeau 3 ( ) Unsure HASSLOZ

**In 2016, we will have a presidential election.**

33. If the election for president were held today, would you support Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky as the Republican nominee, or former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as the Democratic nominee? Or, are you unsure?

1 ( ) Paul 2 ( ) Clinton 3 ( ) Unsure PAULCLIN

34. If the election for president were held today, would you support Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker as the Republican nominee, or Hillary Clinton as the Democratic nominee? Or, are you unsure?

1 ( ) Walker 2 ( ) Clinton 3 ( ) Unsure WALKCLIN

35. If the election for president were held today, would you support Senator Marco Rubio of Florida as the Republican nominee, or Hillary Clinton as the Democratic nominee? Or, are you unsure?

1 ( ) Rubio 2 ( ) Clinton 3 ( ) Unsure RUBIOCLIN

36. If the election for president were held today, would you support former Florida Governor Jeb Bush as the Republican nominee, or Hillary Clinton as the Democratic nominee? Or, are you unsure?

1 ( ) Bush 2 ( ) Clinton 3 ( ) Unsure BUSHCLIN

37. If the election for president were held today, would you support Senator Ted Cruz of Texas as the Republican nominee, or Hillary Clinton as the Democratic nominee? Or, are you unsure? 1 ( ) Cruz 2 ( ) Clinton 3 ( ) Unsure CRUZCLIN



38. If the election for president were held today, would you support Governor Chris Christie of New Jersey as the Republican nominee, or Hillary Clinton as the Democratic nominee? Or are you unsure? 1 ( ) Christie 2 ( ) Clinton 3 ( ) Unsure CHRISCLIN

39. If the election for president were held today, would you support former Governor Mike Huckabee of Arkansas as the Republican nominee, or Hillary Clinton as the Democratic nominee? Or are you unsure? 1 ( ) Huckabee 2 ( ) Clinton 3 ( ) Unsure HUCKCLIN

40. Apart from any of the presidential candidates just mentioned, is there someone else for whom you would vote for president in 2016? \_\_\_\_\_ OTHERPRES

**Finally, we have just a few demographic questions to ask so that we can compare your confidential responses with those of other New Hampshire residents.**

41. First, what is your age? \_\_\_\_\_ AGE

42. Next, please stop me when I reach the level that best reflects your highest level of education:

1 ( ) elementary school 2 ( ) some high school 3 ( ) high school graduate  
4 ( ) some college or vocational/technical training 5 ( ) college graduate  
6 ( ) some graduate training 7 ( ) master's degree 8 ( ) some doctoral training  
9 ( ) doctoral degree (prompt only Ph.D./J.D./M.D./D.V.M) EDUC

43. What is your current marital status? Are you married, divorced or separated, widowed, or single and never married? 1 ( ) married 2 ( ) divorced/separated 3 ( ) widowed 4 ( ) single and never married MARITAL

44. Under which party are you registered to vote in New Hampshire: Democrat, Republican, Undeclared, or Other?

1 ( ) Democrat 2 ( ) Republican 3 ( ) Undeclared/Indep.  
4 ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_ 5 ( ) Don't Remember/Claim not to be registered PARTYID2

45. In terms of politics, do you consider yourself liberal, moderate, or conservative?

1 ( ) Liberal 2 ( ) Moderate 3 ( ) Conservative IDEO



46. About how often do you attend religious services, if ever? Once per week or more, one or two times per month, a couple of times per year, rarely, or never?

- 1 ( ) Once per week or more    2 ( ) 1-2 times per month    3 ( ) Couple of times per year  
4 ( ) Rarely attend    5 ( ) Never attend

RELIGIOUS

47. Finally, please stop me when I reach the income level that best reflects your annual household income for 2014:

- 1 ( ) Under \$20,000                      5 ( ) 80,000 up to 100,000    9 ( ) No answer  
2 ( ) \$20,000 up to \$40,000        6 ( ) 100,000 up to 150,000  
3 ( ) \$40,000 up to \$60,000        7 ( ) 150,000 up to 200,000  
4 ( ) 60,000 up to 80,000            8 ( ) Over \$200,000

INCOME

**That concludes our survey. Thank you for your time and cooperation. Please look for the results in your local media or at the Rockefeller Center web site at Dartmouth College. Have a good evening.**